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SUBJECT: HABITAT PREP COM- SUMMARY

1. IN LONG AND ARDUOUS SESSION ON JANUARY 24 HABITAT PREP COM CONCLUDED ITS MEETING. (TO BE EXACT, PREP COM WAS "SUSPENDED" SO THAT AUGUST MEETING WILL BE A RESUMED - AND HENCE, FORMAL - MEETING). SEEN AS A WHOLE, PREP COM WAS SUCCESSFUL IN TERMS OF GIVING SIGNIFICANT IMPETUS TO PREPARATORY PROCESS FOR CONFERENCE.

2. MOST IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF MEETING WAS FORMULATION OF A PAPER WITH AGENDA THEMES AND ISSUES, WHICH MUST NOW BE REVISED BY SECRETARIAT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION BY GOVERNMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE THAT AGENDA WILL BE PUT IN FINAL FORM A AUGUST MEETING AND SUBMITTED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3. SOME OF THE OTHER MORE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE MEETING INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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(A) PENALOSA HAS IN MIND ESTABLISHING TWO AD HOC

GROUPS OF EXPERTS (ATTENDANCE WILL BE OPEN TO ALL UN MEMBERS) - ONE TO WORK ON THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, THE SECOND TO DEAL WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. HE WILL PROBABLY CONVENE THEM AROUND EARLY JULY.

(B) MANY LDC'S WERE REPRESENTED BY SENIOR OFFICIALS WITH VARYING RESPONSIBILITIES IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FIELD, ALMOST ALL OF WHOM SPOKE OF BROAD RANGE OF CONCERNS AND NONE OF WHOM FOCUSED EXCLUSIVELY ON HOUSING.

(C) SOVIETS - AT LEAST IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS - DID NOT PLAY PARTICULARLY ACTIVE ROLE. THEIR INTERVENTIONS MARKED BY RATHER OBVIOUSLY PROTECTIVE REFERENCES TO CENTER FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING. ON AT LEAST A COUPLE OF OCCASIONS, SOKOLOV OF SOVIET DEL EMPHASIZED TO US DEL, IMPORTANCE OF THINKING ABOUT POST VANCOUVER INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

(D) PENALOSA WANTS TO GET INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP FROM OUTSIDE UN TO PREPARE FIRST DRAFT OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. HE IS FULLY ALIVE TO SENSITIVITY OF INSTITUTIONAL ISSUE AND WANTS TO AVOID A SECRETARIAT DRAFT WHICH WOULD LEAVE HIM EXPOSED TO CHARGES OF BIAS - ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

(E) GREECE OFFERED TO HOST ONE OF FUTURE PREP COMS. SYG GIVEN DISCRETION TO CHOOSE SITE OF NEXT TWO MEETINGS. HE TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT ONLY TWO ALTERNATIVES HE CONSIDERES FEASIBLE ARE GENEVA AND NAIROBI.
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